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# NEWS BRIEFS

## CHANGES

of Rice Stadium on the University of Utah campus is has forced changes in traffic patterns. The section of South Campus Drive between Rice Stadium and Field House will be closed. Architect said the tunnel will remain closed will allow removal of the platform bleachers and formed the tunnel construction of the new 46,500-seat bowl. There will no longer be a tunnel. It also has closed most of the east side of the stadium. campus shuttle buses will use 500 routes on Dec. 22.

## EDICINE COURSE

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# Kennecott Mulls Solution to Contaminated Water

BY JIM WOOLF  
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Contaminated groundwater near Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine might be pumped to the surface and run through a treatment plant to make it suitable for household use and irrigation. This is one of several proposals likely to be included in a ground-water-cleanup plan being developed by the mining company. The plan will not be released until next spring, but Kennecott engineers discussed the pump-and-treat alternative during a meeting

this week with community leaders. "We don't have a particular solution, we favor," stressed Bill Williams, director of health, safety and environmental quality for Kennecott Utah Copper Corp. "It's just too early." More than a century of mining in the Bingham Canyon area has left the groundwater in southwestern Salt Lake County contaminated with high levels of minerals and acidic wastes. Kennecott's huge waste dumps and a formerly unlined processing water reservoir at the mouth of

Bingham Canyon greatly aggravated the problem, resulting in a zone of highly contaminated groundwater just south of Copperton. A detailed agreement in a lawsuit brought by the state against Kennecott requires the company to pay for the damaged groundwater and either replace or clean up a certain quantity of the waste. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also is pushing for cleanup of some of the water. Jonathan F. Callender, an engineer for Kennecott, said one option could be to pump existing

wells near Copperton and treat the recovered water. This would contribute to the cleanup effort, help prevent the zone of highly contaminated water from spreading farther to the east, and make additional water supplies available to surrounding communities. The wells are near the area with the worst contamination, said Callender, but contamination levels are still low enough that traditional treatment methods could be used to clean it. However, within about 30 years

the highly contaminated water is projected to move into the pumping zone, Callender said. Pollution levels will be so high that conventional treatment methods would be ineffective. At that point, company officials would need to decide whether to try more costly cleanup methods or consider using the contaminated water in Kennecott's operations. "I see great promise in what we are talking about," said Richard Bay, an engineer for the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District. He said pumping and treatment near Copperton could be part the overall scheme to solve the area's groundwater problem.

# Commissioners Officially Drop County Tax Hike

BY LINDA FANTIN  
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Salt Lake County commissioners dropped a \$4 million tax increase from their 1998 budget Thursday, but opted not to cancel two public hearings scheduled for Monday. That raised the question of whether the meetings technically would allow the commissioners to resurrect the tax hike in June, when the actual tax rate is set. Not to worry, said Commissioner Brent Overton. "I guarantee there will be no tax increase in 1998," he said. "I had a talk with [Utah House Speaker] Mel Brown last week, and he assured me of it."

Overton was speaking about the animosity the proposed tax hike caused among Brown and other legislators. They were incensed that the commission would raise taxes after promising not to months earlier. Before the 1997 Legislature would agree to give counties their own quarter-cent sales tax, county officials statewide had to agree to corresponding cuts

in property taxes and guarantee they would not use the tax exchange as an opportunity to boost revenues in 1998. Overton and Commissioner Randy Horluchi, however, hoped lawmakers would make an exception. The new sales tax will generate money for the countywide general fund, and they were proposing a tax increase to replenish the municipal-services fund. That account only devotes property and sales tax from residents of the unincorporated county and is used for police, fire, snow removal and the like. But legislators were unsympathetic, and they were not shy about saying so. It took only a week for Horluchi and Overton to reverse their votes. On Thursday, they made it official.

As for 1998, Deputy County Attorney Bill Hyde said he is unsure if Monday's meetings — scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the commission chambers at 2001 S. State St. — would satisfy truth-in-taxation laws, making it possible for the commission to adopt a tax increase in June. "But it would make it easier," he said.

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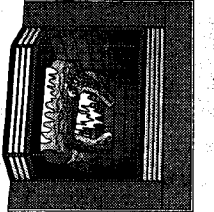
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